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Kowloon	7.40	8.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.20
Yamat	7.50	8.25	10.40	12.10	1.25	4.45	5.30
Shatin	8.00	8.35	10.50	12.20	1.35	4.55	5.40
Tai Po	8.10	8.45	11.00	12.30	1.45	5.05	5.50
Tai Po Market	8.20	8.55	11.10	12.40	1.55	5.15	6.00
Fanning	8.30	9.05	11.20	12.50	2.05	5.25	6.10
Shungshui	8.40	9.15	11.30	1.00	2.15	5.35	6.20
Shumchun	8.50	9.25	11.40	1.10	2.25	5.45	6.30

STATIONS	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Shumchun	7.20	8.05	10.35	11.40	3.00	4.15	5.15
Shungshui	7.30	8.15	10.45	11.50	3.10	4.25	5.25
Fanning	7.40	8.25	10.55	12.00	3.20	4.35	5.35
Tai Po Market	7.50	8.35	11.05	12.10	3.30	4.45	5.45
Tai Po	8.00	8.45	11.15	12.20	3.40	4.55	5.55
Shatin	8.10	8.55	11.25	12.30	3.50	5.05	6.05
Yamat	8.20	9.05	11.35	12.40	4.00	5.15	6.15
Kowloon	8.30	9.15	11.45	12.50	4.10	5.25	6.25

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STATIONS	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	NOON	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon	8.40	9.15	11.30	12.00	3.25	5.25	7.10
Yamat	8.50	9.25	11.40	12.10	3.35	5.35	7.20
Shatin	9.00	9.35	11.50	12.20	3.45	5.45	7.30
Tai Po	9.10	9.45	12.00	12.30	3.55	5.55	7.40
Tai Po Market	9.20	9.55	12.10	12.40	4.05	6.05	7.50
Fanning	9.30	10.05	12.20	12.50	4.15	6.15	8.00
Shungshui	9.40	10.15	12.30	1.00	4.25	6.25	8.10
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Shumchun	8.10	10.35	11.40	3.00	4.15	5.40	6.05
Shungshui	8.20	10.45	11.50	3.10	4.25	5.50	6.15
Fanning	8.30	10.55	12.00	3.20	4.35	6.00	6.30
Tai Po Market	8.40	11.05	12.10	3.30	4.45	6.10	6.40
Tai Po	8.50	11.15	12.20	3.40	4.55	6.20	6.50
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Fanning	7.45	11.30	12.30	3.30	4.45	6.15	6.45
Shataukok	8.40	12.25	1.15	7.20	8.35	10.05	10.35

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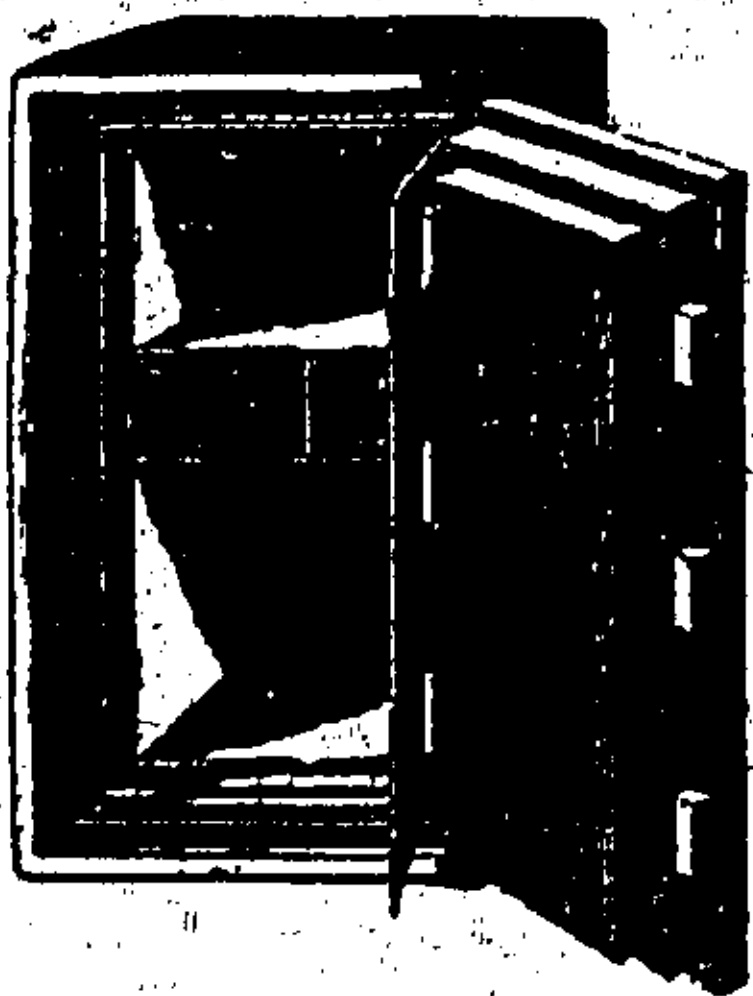
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Taking as his text the foregoing quotation from Psalm 90, the Rt. Reverend the Bishop of Victoria, preached the following sermon, in the Cathedral on Sunday:

To-day let us look back over a thousand years and more, to the days when first of all a Christian Church was built where now stands St. Paul's Cathedral, right in the very heart of the British Empire. And at the outset let us for a moment glance back into the distant past beyond those days when the workmen of King Aethelbert first built St. Paul's Cathedral. For there are those that believe that to the high ground where St. Paul's Cathedral stands our British forefathers in days long gone came in long processions from the wooded heights of North London with their white-robed priests to offer sacrifices—human sacrifices.

About this, of course, there is no certainty, but it seems to be historically established that for many hundreds of years before the coming of Christ London was a scene of human activity. Sir Arthur Keith in his book "The Antiquity of Man" speaks of the discovery of human remains just East of London which would carry us back thousands of years before Christ, and he remarks, "there is not a single feature of this skull primitive or ape-like." We are on a surer ground when we picture to ourselves the Roman Colony established nearby where now St. Paul's Cathedral stands. Sir Christopher Wren tells us he found Roman remains when he laid the foundations of the present St. Paul's. It may well be that as the Roman officers went to the hunt they offered their sacrifices at a temple to Diana which occupied the present site of the Cathedral. Wren rejected this idea but as late as 1830 a stone altar with an image of Diana was found almost on this very spot.

Among these Roman colonists, far from the home of their birth, some unquestionably were Christians as was Alan at the Roman settlement of Verulam thirty miles away. And at the Council of Arles in 314 we read of Restitus, Bishop of London, being present. But soon came the Saxon invasion and nearly every trace of Roman civilization and Roman Christianity was removed.

THE FIRST ST. PAUL'S.

It was just three years before the dawn of the sixth century that Augustine first landed with his band of missionaries in the Isle of Thanet and gave himself up to the work of building up Christianity in Kent and beyond it. Within a short time he consecrated one of his companions Melitus to be Bishop of London, and for him Aethelbert, King of Kent, with the assent of Sebert, King of the East Angles built, we are told, a magnificent Cathedral, dedicated to St. Paul, and this dedication to St. Paul itself is worthy of notice. Other Cathedrals are known by their locality but London Cathedral has always been Pauline or St. Paul's.

On the spot where Aethelbert built, graves have been found, British, Roman and Saxon, successive masters and inhabitants of London. The Cathedral as built by Aethelbert lasted till the tenth century. Let us glance at the history of those 350 years during which it stood. They were days when a Christian Church was being born in England, days when our nation was coming to its birth. It was by a slow process and through pain and sacrifice that advance came. For instance Melitus very soon after being consecrated bishop was compelled to leave London and for thirty-six years there was no Christian service in St. Paul's.

In the days of Alfred, chief author of our English greatness, we see gradually the nation being born. London had become less and less important as the Danes made their constant onsets upon us and Winchester was the early centre of our dawning national life. The Cathedral as built by Aethelbert was destroyed by fire in 992 when Dunstan was Archbishop of Canterbury. It was rebuilt, and when William, the Conqueror, came to the throne he bestowed special privileges on the Church of St. Paul's. "Some lands I give," he said, "to God and the Church of St. Paul's in London because I wish that this church may be free in all things as I wish my soul to be free on the day of judgment."

OLD ST. PAUL'S.

In the fire of 1087 St. Paul's was again destroyed. It was the Conqueror's chaplain, Maurinus, or Maurice, who had become Bishop of London, that started the rebuilding. "A work," says Stow in his "Survey of London," "that men of that day judged would never be finished so wonderful in length and breadth." It is interesting to notice that about this time London had thirteen monastic and more than one hundred parochial churches. Thus came into being old St. Paul's or "Old Poules" as it came to be known. It survived 600 years till the great fire in 1666. Let us think of the associations which rather round this building, not in detail but in broad outline only. These were days when England was linked closely to the continent, days in which the life of the people was enlarged by outside contacts, but in which at times it looked as if we might lose our identity both as church and nation. They were days which witnessed the growth of education through the monasteries, through the establishment of the universities of Oxford and Cambridge, and through the introduction of printing; which witnessed too the expansion of trade through the early merchant adventurers and the trade guilds of London and other cities.

It was a time when Church and State were closely interrelated through the blending of ecclesiastical and political offices. A time too of strife and civil wars, and of religious persecutions, now by one party now by another. They were days in which the revival of learning and the reformation of religion left their

abiding mark upon our national life. And in the seventeenth century, it is interesting to note, London dominated the whole life of the Kingdom in a way that it has never done before, or after. It was an epoch too of wonderful expansion in our national life and in the world's life—days when new worlds were discovered.

And throughout all this period there was a growing consciousness of national life which culminated in the reign of Elizabeth and found wonderful expression in the glorious Elizabethan literature of which the Authorised Version of the Bible has been the chief factor in our later national life.

There are those who would say that during this period the English Church found itself; others would rather say that our church was set the harder task of finding itself in an entirely new world outlook—a task in which we have partly succeeded and partly failed—a task which is with us still. Be this as it may, the British people had travelled far since the days when old St. Paul's was started in the twelfth century, when in 1666 St. Wren was asked to report upon its condition to see whether the fabric could be repaired. He complained that the Cathedral had been ill built, that the pillars had been filled with rubble. "Some," he said, "might think of piecing up the old fabric, here and there with stones, here with bricks, and cover all the faults with a coat of plaster leaving it still to posterity as a further object of charity." But such were not Wren's ideas.

Within a few weeks after making this report came the Fire of London. It started on Sunday, September 2nd, and burnt till the following Thursday. "God grant," wrote Evelyn who was an eye-witness of the scene, "God grant mine eyes may never see the like again, who now saw above 10,000 houses all in one flame." On Tuesday, September 4th, he wrote, "All Fleet Street, Old Bailey, Ludgate Hill, Watling Street now flaming, and the stones of St. Paul's few like grenades, the melting lead running down the streets in a stream." On Friday I was infinitely concerned to find that stately church St. Paul's now in ruin, and he adds later, "Thus lay in ruins that most venerable church one of the most ancient pieces of early piety in the Christian world."

THE NEW ST. PAUL'S.

Now let us think of new St. Paul's and its associations. Wren laid the foundation stone without any ceremony whatever on June 21st, 1675. It was twenty-two years later that it was first opened for divine service. It was after thirteen years that Sir Christopher Wren, by the hand of his son, attended by Mr. Strong, the master mason and the Body of Freemasons, of whom Sir Christopher was an active member, laid the last and highest stone of the lantern with humble prayer for divine blessing on his work. For more than two centuries now the new St. Paul's has played its part in our national life and what vast changes have taken place during these years. Think merely of a few of those whose memorials lie within its walls and of all the names suggest in the story of our nation: We Horatio Nelson, the Duke of Wellington, General Gordon, Lord Roberts, Captain Cook, the Discoverer of Australasia, Sir J. A. Macdonald, first premier of Canada. Not only have these years witnessed the vast expansion of the British Empire but the whole of life has become a much bigger thing. Consider the changes of the 19th century alone. The universe has become to us something bigger far than our fathers knew and many are feeling lost amid its bigness.

BIG PAUL.

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"We ministers of an hour appear one after another in quick succession, each doing our work, speaking our message, passing to our account; but the great Church abides, an image in the realm of sense and time of that which is eternal." "Lord thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another." "A thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday."

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It is noteworthy that there has been some diversion of cargoes from Canton, due, no doubt, to the unceasing political unrest in the city. Cargo to the value of approximately \$2,000,000 has been sent by junk from Hongkong, direct to districts formerly supplied from Canton.

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We don't like our insisting on our share of payments under the Dawes plan just exactly as if we had not failed to sign the treaty of Versailles and had not refused obligations under it. We don't like the hard bargain we drove with England on the debt settlement, and our taking enormous sums from her when her industry is disorganised and her own debtors helpless to pay. It was magnificent on her part that she offered. It wasn't altogether big on our part that we accepted. It would be unspeakably small on our part if we did not see that France paid England as soon as she pays us, especially as what England borrowed from us she borrowed largely for France.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

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March 16th, 1925.	
Hongkong and Shanghai	1230 b.
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Canton Insurance	\$745 ss.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	\$710 nom.
Union Insurance	\$207 b.
Douglas Steamships	\$53 b.
H.K. & S. Steamships	\$35 b. & ss.
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SAIGON RICE MARKET.

The Compagnie de Commerce et de Navigation d'Extreme-Orient, in a report dated March 16th, state:—
Our market continues to be very firm specially for prompt shipment, on account of the mills being fully engaged during the whole month of March and for the beginning of April.

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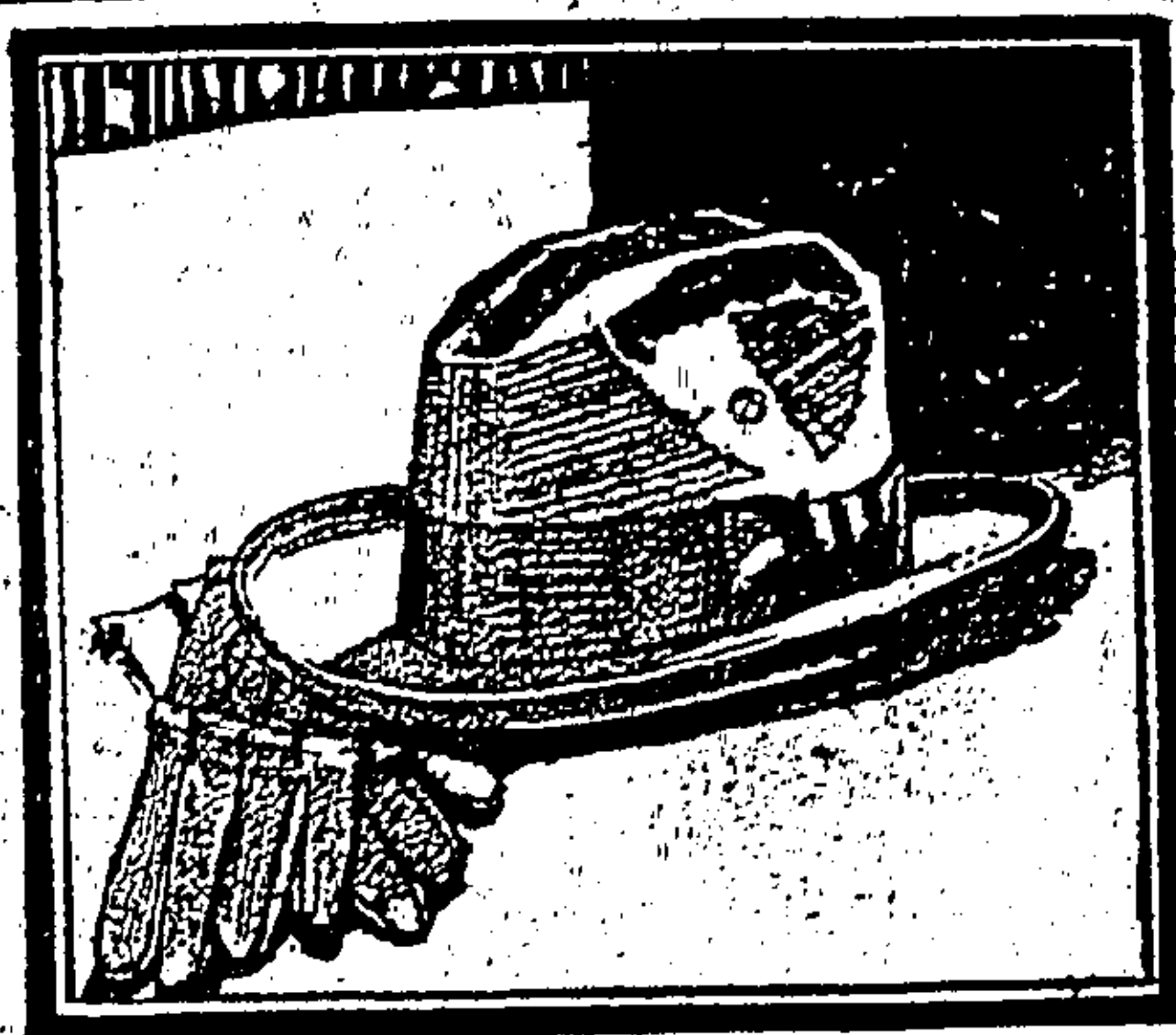
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THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce has just been issued for publication, and appears in a new form which makes it a useful and informative volume of convenient size. It is explained that whereas it has been the custom for more than forty years to print in *extenso* the correspondence transacted during the period under review, the Committee has come to the conclusion that members will find it convenient to have a summary of the work accomplished during the year rather than be presented with a mass of correspondence, the Chamber's files being always available for consultation by members who wish for more detailed information upon any question. A selection of the paragraphs of general interest from this summary is given on this page. Matter too extensive to deal with in paragraph is contained in longer sections of the report and appears elsewhere in this issue.

Apart from the annual report of the Committee of the Chamber, the volume contains much other information which will make it exceedingly useful to business houses in the Colony and abroad. A trade report for 1924 is published; also statistics of the principal items of import and export, a description of Hongkong and its shipping facilities and a statement of the aims and objects of the University. An illustrated summary of the recent report on the commercial development of the Port is included, and another useful compilation is a business directory of members of the Chamber. Very striking, also, is a table showing the periodical sailings of all the shipping lines operating from or through Hongkong to all the principal ports at which their vessels touch. An important article giving particulars of local wireless development in 1924 is given, and is reprinted on another page. In the introduction to the report, the Committee remarks that slight progress has apparently been made with certain public questions which occupied a large share of the Chamber's attention in 1923. Little has been heard during 1924 of progress with the transfer of the military establishments from the centres of Victoria and Kowloon; and the Chamber is still pleading that increased naval patrols will be a far more effective method of suppressing piracy than any further harassment of trade by making more stringent the regulations for the provision of galleys, guards and extensive and expensive alterations to construction of existing vessels.

PIRACY PREVENTION.

This subject is further developed in a special chapter on "The Piracy Prevention Problem," in which the Committee states that a stage was reached at the end of the year which it is confidently believed presages the adoption of radical measures for the cure of the evil; namely, the increase of Naval Patrols—a solution which the Chamber has consistently pressed upon the authorities concerned. An account of the deliberations of the Piracy Prevention Committee with a summary of the "Minority Report" (recently published), and the purport of a recent letter announcing that while adhering to the view, which is shared by the Commander-in-Chief, that armed protection on board ships is essential, the Government has urged that the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty should, in the interest of British trade and prestige, so strengthen the naval forces here as to provide for the establishment of a system of patrols which will be adequate to safeguard ships from external attack, and when coupled with reasonable measures of self-protection on board, to make attempts at piracy from within too hazardous to be attractive.

The thanks of the Chamber are conveyed to the Hongkong Government and the Naval Authorities for support readily given; and to Mr. N. S. Brown for the keenness and enthusiasm with which he took up the question as a member of the Government Committee and as the signatory principally responsible for framing the very able "Minority Report," also to the China Association for the prompt assistance rendered in pressing the question upon the attention of the authorities in London.

This chapter also gives an account of other questions in connection with piracy which have come before the Chamber during the year.

INSURANCE FOR CREWS.

Early in the year the important subject arose of insurance against death or disablement as a result of piracy of officers of merchant ships on the China Coast. The Government wrote to the Chamber on 12th March, suggesting that a scheme of insurance might be operated either by Government or by a private Insurance Company, somewhat on the lines of the National Insurance Act, contributions to be made by the owners, officers and the Government. Your Committee gave this question very careful consideration, and replied to the Government as follows:—

"The Chamber is strongly of opinion that compensation to both officers and crews of merchant ships should be paid in these cases. On the question of the source whence compensation should be drawn, however, the Chamber desires to point out that in most cases the liability rests first with the owners, Government which fails to fulfil its treaty obligations by affording to merchant shipping protection from the depredations of pirates.

"Where piracy occurs in Hongkong waters or are effected by pirates embarking in Hongkong it is suggested that the more immediate responsibility lies with the Hongkong Government which may be considered to assume that responsibility when it issues instructions to the officers of merchant ships as to the methods by which the vessel is to be defended, lays it down as the duty of the master and other certificated officers to resist to the utmost any piratical attack, and reserves the right to disallow the employment of officers who do not carry out the Government's instructions.

"Nor does the Chamber consider that joint insurance by State, employers and employees under the National Health Insurance Act affords a true parallel with the circumstances at present under consideration. Sickness is a risk to which the workers in every occupation are subjected, whereas the risk of death or disablement through piracy is a special and exceptional risk peculiar to this part of the world and due solely to the inability of government authorities to maintain law and order.

The Chamber willingly responds to the request of the Government for its views, but would add that it cannot express a definite opinion on the subject because it has no authority to commit shipowners to acceptance of either the principle or the financial obligation of insurance of their employees. The Chamber therefore suggests a reference, at an early date, between the Government and those immediately concerned.

The Colonial Secretary, however, replied that, in order to avoid delay, it had been thought better that Government should proceed independently of the shipping companies.

THE CONVOY SYSTEM.

Correspondence took place in October between the Government and the Shipping Companies, the Government stating that it was proposed, unless the Companies saw grounds for objection, to abandon the convoy system for vessels on the Canton run. The reply of the Shipping Companies was that they would not object to the abandonment of the convoy system provided H.M. Government could arrange outside protection from pirates attacking the steamers. In view of the Government's rejoined that in view of the replies received from the Shipping Companies concerned, it has been decided to maintain and enforce the convoy system for vessels on the Canton run.

A plan calculated to reduce the inconvenience of the convoy system was suggested by the Harbour Master in a letter to the Chamber dated 11th December; namely, that the extra guards be placed in the slowest ship as guard ship in lieu of in the fastest ship as heretofore, and that ships be given the option to proceed with the guard ship or not, as they desired. The Committee wrote that they could see no objection to these proposals and would be glad to see them put into operation as soon as possible, provided they are not regarded as a final solution of the Piracy Prevention question.

HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT.

Further discussions of plans for the commercial development of Hongkong Harbour, occupying much time and thought in 1923, were postponed pending publication of Mr. John Duncan's report, an important and exhaustive document which was referred by the Government to the Chamber on the last day of the year and has already received much earnest consideration from the Committee in 1925.

TYPHOON WARNINGS.

It was noted in the last annual report that a sympathetic and helpful letter had been received from the Inspector-General of Customs at Peking (Sir Francis Aglen, K.B.E.) on the subject of the proposal for the establishment of the Chinese Government of a meteorological and wireless station on the Pratas Shoal. While it is impossible to make a definite statement at the moment, there are indications that the Government of the project is within measurable distance of fulfilment, if not by the end of the present typhoon season, certainly in time for the next. Throughout the year all the authorities interested have shown a most encouraging willingness to press forward the establishment of this station which will be of inestimable value to the shipping and commerce of Hongkong and a wide area of South China.

With regard to the request which has been frequently made by the Chamber since the Swatow typhoon of August, 1922, the Zikawei storm warnings broadcasted at the same time as Hongkong warnings, the Government wrote on July 29th that both the Manila and Zikawei weather reports were being broadcasted by Cape D'Aguilar immediately on receipt, on a 600 metre wave length. A useful conference took place with Mr. L. H. King, the Government Electrical Engineer, in April, when it was learned with much satisfaction that the Government was arranging for the transmission of weather reports, during periods of typhoons, direct from the Observatory through D'Aguilar by remote control; also, that Mr. King saw no insuperable technical difficulty to the establishment on a suitable site of a permanent transmitting and receiving station, to be operated from the Observatory. The calls upon D'Aguilar in respect of its proper work—ship-to-shore communication and direction finding—do so constantly increasing that it will soon be impossible for the station to

handle meteorological messages. It is, therefore, essential that weather reports should be received and exchanged by the Observatory direct through remote control apparatus and on a wave-length which will not clash with ordinary traffic. The Chamber, in writing to the Government, welcomed the prospect of immediate temporary arrangements to this end and expressed the hope that they would be made permanent.

CASH TRADING IN PIECE GOODS.

It appeared necessary, in the Autumn, to obtain the re-affirmation by firms interested in piece goods of their continuing adherence to the undertaking of 22nd March, 1915, not to sell Piece Goods except on a strict cash basis, and their further undertaking to strictly observe the terms of the Standard Form of Piece Goods Contract, agreed upon with the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese Piece Goods Guild on 14th December, 1922. In order to secure the widest possible adherence to the methods of trading which piece goods importers, as a whole, have decided to be in the best interests of all concerned, it was decided to invite importers to subscribe members of the Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese Piece Goods Guild.

The Secretary accordingly called personally on about 100 firms, and the signature of practically every firm interested in the business was attached to the Agreement. It was highly satisfactory to find, when canvassing for signatures to the Agreement, that maintenance of cash trading and a Standard Contract are universally considered by importers to be in the best interests of the Piece Goods trade. On this there was complete unanimity. It is manifest that the whole strength and utility of an Agreement of this nature rest on no other foundation than the integrity of the signatories, and strict adherence to both the letter and spirit of the Agreement is essential. If loyalty is too greatly lacking the document becomes so much waste paper, and the trade will quickly revert to the unsatisfactory conditions obtaining some years ago.

The Committee hopes that all importers will realize the importance of these considerations and will not permit the position to be undermined by concessions, which, however small, tend inevitably to become larger, and lead to instability. Cash trading and freedom of carrying out business are surely never more essential to commercial security than in these days of chaos in China.

TRADE FACILITIES ACT, 1924.

The Government forwarded for the information of the Chamber a copy of a circular despatch received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies relating to the Trade Facilities Act, 1923. This measure gives power to the Treasury, under certain conditions, to contribute towards interest payable on loans raised for the purpose of carrying out public utility undertakings in any part of the Empire. In acknowledging this communication the Chamber noted that this measure provides facilities for loans which may be of value in connection with large Government schemes now pending, also to public utility schemes involving the carrying out of schemes approved by the Colonial Government.

JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE.

On the 24th March the final accounts of the Japanese Earthquake Disaster Relief Fund were laid before the Governor, and His Excellency, through the Colonial Secretary, expressed to the members of the Relief Fund Committee his great appreciation of the work done by them. The balance in hand at the end of March amounted to \$115,000 and was dealt with as follows:—

Yen 50,000 was contributed for the purpose of meeting deficit on the working of the s.s. *Tai Wanfung* and Yen 88,000 was remitted to the Kobe Relief Committee—half to meet the needs of the Japanese sufferers and half to meet the needs of foreigners other than Japanese, and including British and Chinese.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Earthquake Relief Fund, Kobe, wrote: "May I ask you to convey to your Committee our deep sense of appreciation and gratitude for this splendid and timely donation. We had come almost to the end of our resources, while there are still frequent requests for assistance from deserving cases which could not be met excepting for this unlooked for donation from you." In November the Japan United Foreign Board of Trade, Yokohama, informed the Hongkong Relief Committee that the relief ship *Tai Wanfung* would close its accounts in the near future with a credit balance of about Yen 15,000 and they suggested that the balance be vested in the British Consul, Yokohama, and the managers of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and Chartered Bank, Yokohama, for the purpose of affording general relief to sufferers from the Earthquake who might still require assistance. The Board of Trade of the Japan United Foreign Board of Trade took the opportunity of acknowledging the great assistance which the contributions made by the Hongkong Relief Committee had afforded towards the re-establishment of foreign business houses in Yokohama. The method proposed for dealing with the surplus was approved by the Hongkong Relief Committee.

MOTOR ENGINES FOR JUNKS.

The Harbour Master brought to the attention of the Chamber, with a view to the exploration of the commercial possibilities opened up, an application by a fishing junk owner for permission to fit his junk with a motor. The junk owner proposed to install a 100 h.p. engine, made in the interior, for which he intended to pay \$10,000. The Harbour Master pointed out that there are five to six thousand fishing boats licensed in Hongkong and it should not be many years before, as in the case of the other fishing fleets of the world, auxiliary power will be introduced in the majority of the boats. He suggested that British firms might be interested to go into the question of producing a suitable engine, and sufficient power to propel a junk 80 to 90 feet long and of two to three thousand piculs capacity at a speed of five or six knots. A number of local firms have since thoroughly investigated the problem.

RECREATION FOR CREWS IN PORT.

At the instance of Capt. C. B. Riggs, Manager of Holt's Wharf, the Chamber called the attention of the Government to the need for recreational facilities for the crews of steamers in Port. What they needed, it was suggested, was playing space for football near the principal wharves—the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., and Holt's Wharf. After considerable correspondence between Shipping Companies and the Chamber directed to ascertaining the approximate extent of the facilities required, it was arranged that ship's crews could use the ground of the Railway Recreation Club at a fee of \$5 for each occasion, such contribution to cover the provision of footballs and necessary gear. The thanks of the Chamber and of the Shipping Companies concerned were conveyed to the Government for the helpful support given in the matter.

TOBACCO DUTIES IN HONGKONG.

The Chamber was asked to take up the question of the nature and amount of duty now levied on cigarettes in Hongkong, which, it was urged, was impeding the expansion of business and proving inequitable both to distributors and consumers. The duties were increased in 1921 to offset an anticipated decrease (which did not occur) in the revenue of the Colony. The method of assessing duty is considered by firms concerned to be inequitable, in so far as the major burden of taxation now falls upon consumers of low-priced cigarettes, who constitute the poorer classes of the community. For example, it was pointed out that cigarette prices at \$20 a case paid duty at the rate of 55 per cent., a brand priced at \$250 paid at 50 per cent., a brand at \$1,175 at 23 per cent., and a high grade at \$1,945 paid 14 per cent. The method of computing taxation, based on the weight of tobacco, is criticised as cumbersome, hindering trade on account of difficulty in adjusting prices.

Furthermore, as is well known, the Chinese authorities watch taxation measures in Hongkong with great care, and are only too apt to use them as an excuse for new taxation. Canton was undoubtedly influenced by Hongkong's policy of high taxation when imposing a 20 per cent. sur-tax on cigarettes.

The Chamber requested the subject of an adjustment of the taxation on tobacco used in the manufacture of cigarettes be considered by the Government, but the Government contented itself with replying that it had "carefully considered the arguments which had been advanced in favour of an *ad valorem* tax, but it is satisfied that, from the point of view of the Colony as a whole, the existing system of taxation is preferable."

MANILA AND PROHIBITION.

The American Consul-in-Charge in Hongkong notified in September that, as a result of a decision that the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States extends to the Philippine Islands, he had received instructions not to clear or grant bills of lading to vessels on which liquor for beverage purposes is loaded for delivery there. This position caused difficulty to wine merchants in the Colony who had cargoes *en route* for Manila, and the Chamber was appealed to with the request that it would use its good offices to bring about some solution of the difficulty. On enquiry, however, it was found that the authorities at Manila were not insisting on the exclusion of alcoholic beverages, and such cargoes were not in practice subject to serious impediment.

UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG.

In 1921, a number of firms and individuals, members of the Chamber, pledged themselves to contribute a sum of \$50,000 annually, \$12,000 to be devoted to provide the salary of a whole time lecturer in the Commercial Course for a period of five years and \$38,000 to assist in maintaining qualified teachers for the Primary and Secondary Schools of the Church Missionary Society at Canton.

The last payment under this arrangement will be made in 1925. The Vice-Chancellor accordingly wrote in July enquiring whether the annual contribution of \$12,000 was likely to be continued and if so on what conditions. He was informed "it is considered unlikely that it will be possible to raise so large a sum as \$12,000 in the near future. The present undertaking was entered upon at a time of exceptional prosperity of which, in view of present political conditions in China, there is at present no sign of recurrence." This question, with the grant to Holy Trinity College, Canton will come up for settlement during the present year.

CANTON HARBOUR IMPROVEMENT.

Your Committee has watched with keen interest efforts made at Canton during the last year or more to secure much needed improvements of the River, the state of which is an increasing hindrance and danger to navigation. A year ago the Committee suggested to the Canton Chamber that the political situation offered so many obstacles to action on broad comprehensive lines, that great difficulty and delay would attend any endeavour to establish a Conservancy Board at present, and advised an informal appeal to the Inspector-General of Customs urging him to institute works likely to afford tangible and immediate relief. Sir Francis Aglen was approached accordingly, but replied that he had no funds available for river conservancy, and recommended a conservancy scheme, the necessary funds to be derived from a local surtax on revenue with contributions from shipping in the form of dues. The Canton British Chamber therefore pressed forward energetically with a conservancy scheme, securing, towards the end of the year, the support of a meeting of all foreign merchants to the following resolution:—

"That subject to adequate guarantees that the money collected shall not be appropriated to purposes not sanctioned by a representative Board and provided it is spent according to the direction of such a Board this meeting of

Foreign Merchants is prepared to agree to the following Surtax proposals provided there is adequate foreign representation:—

- (a) A surtax of 5 per cent. on all dues and duties collected by the Maritime Customs with the exception of tonnage dues and transit passes shall be collected by the Maritime Customs.
- (b) A levy of 2 Hk. tael cents per net registered ton on all vessels over 350 tons not registered tonnage entering the port.
- (c) Duty-free goods to pay 2½ per mill. ad valorem with the exception of treasure which shall be exempted from the surtax.
- (d) A levy of 1 Hk. tael cent per net registered ton per clearance on all river steamers on a regular run over 350 tons not registered tonnage entering the port. This shall include steamers regularly plying between Hongkong and Canton.
- (e) A surtax of the rate of one half per cent. on the examination fees paid to the Maritime Customs shall be levied as surtax for conservancy funds.

The next step is to obtain the support of Chinese merchants who have expressed, individually, their sympathy with the project.

GENERAL

Reference is made to the Shamen Labour Dispute as to which it is remarked that the situation experienced by the Committee was that Hongkong received very little information as to the progress of events during the strike, although the interests of the two ports are inextricably associated. Negotiations have since taken place with the object of securing closer co-operation and exchange of views in the event of a similar unfortunate incident arising in the future. Indeed, close working between the Chambers of Commerce in Canton and Hongkong is no less desirable in normal times than in times of crisis.

The troubles in China and in Canton during the year led the Chinese Piece Goods Guild to suggest, as a temporary measure, an extension of the clearance period for piece goods. The Committee, in reply, expressed to all members of the Guild the utmost sympathy with them in the many vicissitudes through which China had recently passed, but pointed out that the war and civil commotions in North China could hardly be held to affect materially the local piece goods trade. Trade with other outlets such as Haiphong, Hoihow, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, etc., had been normal, and under these circumstances the Committee could not find that they had sufficiently strong reasons for recommending merchants to grant any general extension of dates of clearance. There the matter rested.

An account is given of the agitation in connection with the New Chinese Trade Mark Law and regret is expressed that the Government's assurances, held to be satisfactory to British trade interests, were not communicated earlier, when they would doubtless have materially affected the course of events and prevented some of the registrations already made.

At the request of the wine and spirit merchants of the Colony, the Chamber transmitted a protest against a notification that the Imports and Exports Department would no longer contribute towards the cost of affixing "duty paid" labels to bottles of liquors. The reply of the Colonial Secretary was that Government does not admit any obligation to continue indefinitely a system of refund which was sanctioned as a provisional measure while the scheme was in an experimental stage, as it cannot regard the cost of carrying out legal obligations imposed under the licence as a proper charge against public funds.

The report also includes a summary of the negotiations regarding the acquisition of the telephone by a local Company which were related in the local Press recently.

The income and expenditure account shows the income of the Chamber from members' subscriptions to be \$24,350. Secretarial service cost \$24,000; rent and telephone \$3,540; Chinese wages \$1,000, and expenditure on educational scholarships \$2,527. The surplus of income over expenditure amounted to \$3,728. The Chamber's reserve account now amounts to \$23,541.

SECRETARYSHIP.

The Committee sincerely regretted to learn, at the end of the year, that Mr. D. K. Blair, Secretary of the Chamber, who was on sick leave during 1924, had made such slight progress towards recovery that medical opinion was adverse to his returning to Hongkong. Mr. Blair tendered his resignation, which was accepted with much regret, the Committee expressing appreciation of the Chamber, keen appreciation of the valuable services rendered in the Secretaryship during many years. Members will wish him an ultimate complete recovery to health. Mr. M. F. Key has been appointed Secretary.

MEMBERSHIP.

During 1924 the following new members were elected by the Committee, and their election requires the usual confirmation by the general body of members:—Messrs. Dickson, Parker and Co., Ltd., Messrs. Edward Whelan and Sons, Ltd., Messrs. Jensen and Co., Messrs. Wm. Meyerink and Co., Messrs. Melchers and Co., Messrs. Carlowitz and Co., The Central Agency Ltd., The Faisling Paper Mfg. Co. Ltd., Messrs. Bornemann and Co., The Compagnie Optique, Messrs. Sien and Co., Messrs. P. M. Pinguet and Co., Messrs. Reuter, Brockelmann and Co., Messrs. A. and S. Henry and Co. Ltd., The Canton Trading Association.

The Chamber at 31st December comprised 184 firms and 15 individual members.

OBITUARY.

The Chamber, as well as the business community, the whole Colony, and China, suffered a very heavy loss during 1924 in the lamented death of Mr. A. G. Stephens, Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and a member of the General Committee of

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LOCAL SPORT.

LAWN TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

YESTERDAY'S MATCHES.

The following matches were played yesterday:—

Open Championship Doubles.—C. Chou and J. Chou beat Dyo Tak Sang and Hom Lung Fung 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.

The match between Lieut. Colonel Montague Bates and Capt. E. P. West v. T. Lay and N. Traumbly had to be abandoned with the score 2 sets all.

Open Singles.—W. H. Chou beat W. E. Crocker 7-5, 6-2, 6-1. Lim Ping Ching beat F. A. Henslow 6-4, 6-4, 1-6, 6-2.

Handicap Mixed Doubles.—Mr. and Mrs. Ironside (+4/8) beat Mr. and Mrs. Womack (+3/8), 6-3, 7-5.

Handicap Singles "B."—M. M. Watson (+15) beat W. Woodward (scr.), 8-10, 6-1, 6-2. L. M. S. Lloyd beat W. L. Smith, 6-3, 6-1.

TODAY'S MATCHES.

The following matches are down for decision this afternoon:—

Open Singles.—Capt. West v. Dr. J. Valentine; Capt. C. H. A. O'Callaghan v. T. Yoshida; S. H. Kumjaha v. N. S. Saurat; Lieut. Col. E. P. Bates v. R. Tsurumi.

Open Doubles.—M. Razack and J. A. Chasambhay v. J. Takikawa and J. Yamada.

Club Championship Singles.—S. E. Green v. A. K. Mackenzie.

Handicap Singles "B."—G. de Man (scr.) v. Lieut. Col. E. D. Matthews (+2/8); E. J. R. Mitchell (+3/8) v. M. M. Watson (+15).

GOLF AT FANLING.

Wayfoong beat Ewo.

The annual golf match between Wayfoong and Ewo was contested at Fanling on Sunday. Singles were played in the morning and fourball foursomes in the afternoon.

The sides were remarkably evenly matched, a fact which is illustrated by Wayfoong's narrow win by 12 points. The results for the various matches were as under:—

Singles.		Ewo.	
Wayfoong	1	Galloway	0
Moneroff	1	Macdonnell	1
Black	0	Hollands	0
Hegarty	0	Cornaby	1
Dalgety	1	Beith	0
Dunnett	2	Austin	0
Doyle and Towns	2	Eager and Moon	2
Walker and Foy	2	Mill and Piercy	2
Peat and Dunn	0	Pollock	2
Millne and McIntosh	2	Aucott and Murdoch	2
Total	5	Total	5
Fourball Foursomes.		Fourball Foursomes.	
Moneroff and Black	0	Galloway and Macdonnell	0
Hegarty and Dalgety	2	Hollands and Cornaby	0
Dunnett and Doyle and Towns	2	Beith and Austin	0
Walker and Foy	2	Eager and Moon	2
Peat and Dunn	0	Mill and Piercy	2
Millne and McIntosh	2	Pollock	2
Total	5	Total	7
Add singles	5		
Grand total	14		12

the Chamber. A resolution of regret and condolence with the widow and family was recorded in the Minutes, and in a letter to Mrs. Stephen the Chamber wrote:—"Many public tributes have been paid here to Mr. Stephen's wise counsel and mature judgment; which were of inestimable value in the present political condition of China and are almost irreplaceable. We desire to add our tribute to the great services he rendered to the Committee of this Chamber, whose members have lost an esteemed and honoured colleague. At the same time the Committee ask you to accept their deep sympathy with yourself and family in your bereavement."

Another great loss was sustained by the Chamber and the commercial community generally by the untimely death of Mr. A. E. Lowe. He became the Secretary of the Chamber in 1902 and remained in that office until the Secretaryship was assumed by Mr. E. A. M. Williams in 1907. Between 1907 and 1916, however, Mr. Lowe acted as Secretary on five different occasions. The services which he rendered to the Chamber and to the public in connection with the telephone controversy are fresh in the minds of all. He was a man of great business acumen and was actuated by a keen sense of public duty; he served times served the Colony upon the Legislative Council. A letter was addressed to Mrs. Lowe conveying the condolences of the Committee and Members in her sad bereavement.

On the departure from the Colony of the late Harbour Master, Commander O. W. Beckwith, R.N., the Chamber wrote expressing the very great regret of the Members at his impending departure from the Colony especially as the cause was an unfortunate breakdown in health. It was with very great regret that the news was received a few months later that Commander Beckwith had succumbed to the illness which had necessitated his retirement.

The death has also to be deplored of Captain F. T. Wheeler, Marine Superintendent of the Indo China S. N. Co.; Ltd., who was always ready to place his special knowledge and experience in shipping matters at the disposal of the Chamber.

An expression of deep sympathy was conveyed to Messrs. Gerin, Drevard and Co., in the loss they sustained in the death of their partner, Mons. H. G. Gerin, in the terrible bomb outrage at the Victoria Hotel, Shamsee, in June.

SHIPMASTER'S CLAIM.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO. SUED.

JUDGMENT RESERVED.

Judgment was reserved in the case in which Capt. Robert Kettlewell, formerly in the employ of the China Navigation Company, sued that Company in respect of wrongful dismissal. The hearing was resumed yesterday in the Supreme Court before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) and was concluded in the afternoon, after having lasted six days.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin with Mr. Elsie Zeitlyn (instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton) appeared for the plaintiff, while the China Navigation Company was represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C. (instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master).

Mr. Jenkin put in a letter from the China Navigation Company to Capt. Kettlewell who took over the *Itasca*, in which it was stated that this gentleman was submitted to a Board of Trade test before he took over the command, but was not examined by a Company's doctor because one was not available. Mr. Jenkin said it seemed strange that not one of the doctors in such a large firm could be got.

Mr. Potter, concluding the case for the defence, said that regarding the slight of Capt. Kettlewell the medical evidence showed that at the time he was examined by Dr. Morrison his left eye was three lines short of normal and his right eye two lines. There could be only one way of attacking this and that was by saying that the test was not properly applied. That attack had not been made, and if it had he thought it would have failed. The result of Dr. Harrison's examination agreed with that of Dr. Morrison in regard to the left eye, and as regards the right eye it agreed, to all intents and purposes, to the notes made by Dr. Bellios six months later. The evidence clearly showed that there was something wrong with plaintiff's left eye, and under such circumstances, no shipping Company could be expected to retain such a servant. When Mr. Kettlewell was examined by Dr. Harrison he said he complained that his eyes were suffering from drops, yet the letter of that examination showed that his left eye read one letter better than in the previous examination by Dr. Morrison. How could it be contended that his eyes were affected by the drops?

His Lordship: He says they were.

Mr. Potter: Then why did he not complain that he did not think they were fit? I should hate to suggest a man was telling an untruth, but he might have believed his eyes to be affected when the vision was not.

His Lordship: He may have felt his vision was blurred.

Mr. Potter: He may; but why did he not tell the doctor?

Mr. Jenkin: I think you will find that he said he did.

Mr. Potter: It was not put to Dr. Harrison.

Mr. Potter, continuing, said that Dr. Harrison, in his evidence, said that the longer a man's eyes were affected by drops the more clearly did it show that the eyes were weak. It had been put to Mr. Young that he should have included in the letter to London the gist of the notes sent to the Company by Dr. Morrison.

His Lordship: Was the criticism not that he should have mentioned that Kettlewell had subsequently passed the Board of Trade test?

Mr. Potter: Yes; that was one of the points, but I think that if the whole facts had been set out, the Company would have had not the slightest hesitation in dismissing him.

A very strong position would have been taken up by Counsel if they had appeared in a case for damages for loss of property against the China Navigation Company. They would have argued that the Company had a man on the bridge of the ship with a 6/12th right eye and a 6/18th left, and one could imagine the force with which they would put their case to the jury, arguing that the Company had not taken the proper precautions.

MR. JENKIN'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Jenkin, addressing his Lordship, said that the basis of the contract was that plaintiff should continue fit. It was, he suggested, the standard of fitness at the time when plaintiff was engaged, and he was not required to increase or vary his standard of fitness at the whim or will of the Company, and there had been no evidence to show that plaintiff's standard of fitness had diminished.

Whether or not plaintiff was a fit person to take charge of a ship's bridge, it was not contested that during his five years' service with the Company, plaintiff had been on watch every day, and not only demonstrated that he was visually sound, but he demonstrated it in such a high degree that he advanced rapidly and drew safe navigation bonus, a bonus paid only to officers who had discharged their duties fitly.

When plaintiff went to Dr. Aubrey and Dr. Aubrey was a doctor who was well versed in the requirements of ships' officers, being medical officer to the Indo-China Steamship Co.—Capt. Kettlewell was asked to pick out a telegraph station near the Peak Tramway Station, a distance which could be modestly estimated at about two miles, and did so. When plaintiff got an appointment on a large ship, Capt. Anderson, who knew the reason for his dismissal from the China Navigation Company kept a special eye on him, and later said: "I find that Capt. Kettlewell's sight is O.K. He is quite a capable officer and can pick out lights at their full range. He is able to pick up land during the daytime quite all right, and the same applies to vessels and boats without lights at night. I have found him all right for taking star observations, even under unfavourable conditions."

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THE LATE DR. SUN YAT SEN.

PARTIAL STOPPAGE OF WORK IN HONGKONG.

Several of the Labour Guilds in the Colony ordered their members to stop work yesterday as a tribute of respect to the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen.

The Chinese newspapers which had already suspended publication for one day last week following the receipt of the news of Dr. Sun's death, are not publishing this morning because the Compositors' Guild had ordered its members to observe yesterday.

The orders of Labour Guilds caused all the Chinese restaurants and tea-shops to be closed yesterday. Many Chinese shops were also closed. But few tailors were at work yesterday.

Some foreign establishments were affected by the orders issued by the engineers or mechanics guilds. There appeared to be no interruption of the waterfront business.

Memorial services were held by the Guilds concerned in this effort to secure a general stoppage of work.

CELLO RECITAL.

MR. SERGE STOOPIN'S PERFORMANCE.

Mr. Serge Stoopin, Russian Cellist, gave a Cello Recital at the City Hall, last evening, in the presence of a thoroughly appreciative audience, which numbered between sixty and seventy.

Mr. Stoopin, who uses a Cello that is 94 years old, displays a wonderful mastery and knowledge of his instrument; while his technique and playing are marvellous. At his recital yesterday, he chose his selections from a wide range of composers.

Mr. Stoopin was ably accompanied by Mr. Harry Ore at the piano. The programme follows:—

Cello, Concerto (Bouchevin).

Piano, Scherzo in B flat (Chopin).

Cello, (a) Aria, (Giordani); (b) Gavotte, (Lully); (c) Minuet, (Paganini).

Cello, (a) Ave Maria, (Schubert); (b) Gavotte, (Harry Ore); (c) Chante triste, (Arensky); (d) Guitarras (Moszkowsky).

Piano, (a) Etude in C sharp, (Scriabin); (b) Ecossaises, (Beethoven-Busoni).

Cello, The Barber of Seville, (Servais).

ST. PAUL'S RESTORATION FUND.

Reuter sends us the following list of subscriptions to the above fund:—

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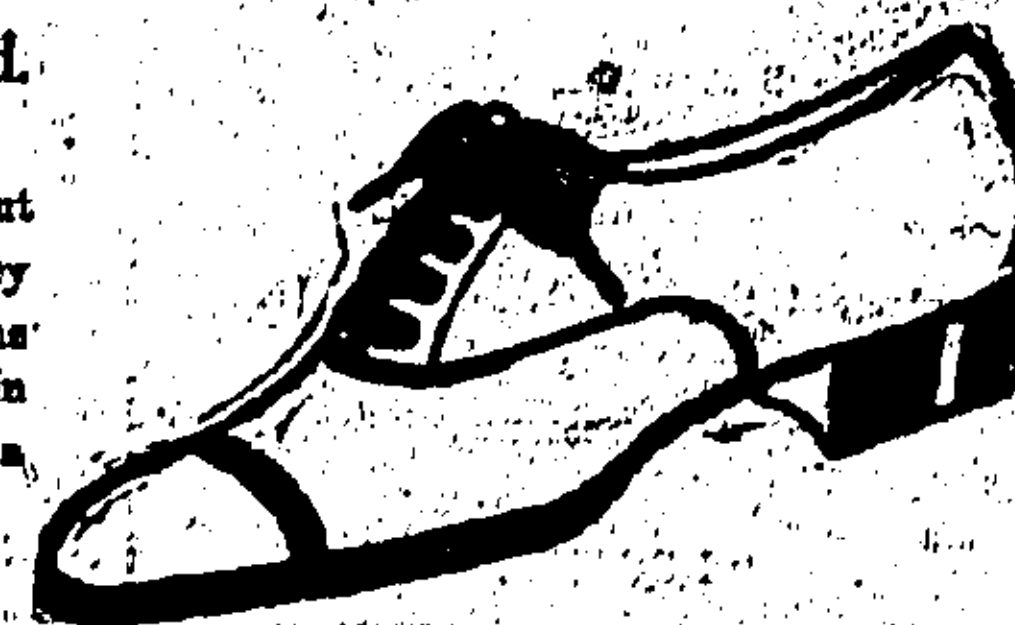
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HAROLD T. CREASY,
Water Authority.
Public Works Department,
Hongkong, 14th March, 1925. [1927]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship "PERSIA".
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AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be forwarded unless Notice to the contrary be given before 16th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd inst. will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 1st prox., or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 21st inst., at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1925. [1993]

AMERICAN FAR EAST LINE.

STREUTHERS & BARRY,
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES VIA PORTS.

THE Steamship "WEST PARALON" having arrived from the above-mentioned ports, Monday, 16th March, 1925, Consignees are hereby notified that the Cargo is being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be forwarded unless Notice to the contrary be given before 16th inst.

Consignees of Cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports Office, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned or Delivery Orders issued.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Cargo is to be left in the Godowns where it will be examined at 10 a.m., Saturday, 21st March, 1925, by Messrs. ANDERSON & ASH, Marine Surveyors.

All Claims must be presented within 10 days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be recognized after the Goods have left the Godowns, and Cargo undelivered after 23rd March, 1925, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading in exchange for Delivery Orders immediately.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless Intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter. Goods remaining undelivered after Monday, the 23rd inst., at Noon, will be subject to Rent and Landing Charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Wednesday, the 25th inst., or they will not be recognized.

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REGISTERED PROPRIETORS of Shares in HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED, are notified that Letters of Allocation in respect of the above Shares have been issued and the relative Share Certificates may be had on Application by Registered Holders or their duly Accredited Agents at the Office of the Company or will be posted upon receipt of Written Instructions to that effect.

W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Russell Street, Hongkong.
[1996]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 21st MARCH, 1925, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1924.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 16th day of March, to MONDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1925, both days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1925. [1993]

THE HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 30th MARCH, 1925, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from 20th to 30th MARCH, 1925, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors.
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1925. [1976]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE FORTY SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pender Street, on TUESDAY, the 31st MARCH, 1925, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 31st MARCH, 1925, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1925. [1975]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED, will be held at the Head Office of the Society, Union Building, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 19th day of MARCH, 1925, at 12 o'clock Noon, when the proposed Resolution will be proposed as an Ordinary Resolution, viz—

"That out of the Unissued Capital of the Society there be issued 25,000 Shares of £10 each credited as paid-up to the extent of £4 per Share ranking for dividend and in all other respects *pari passu* with the Shares of the Society already issued; and that the said additional Shares shall so far as shall be necessary for the purpose be allotted to those Shareholders of the Yang-tze Insurance Association, Limited, who have accepted or shall accept the offer of the Society made to them on the 3rd day of December, 1924 (being an offer to acquire Shares in the Association on the basis of the allotment of One Share in the 'Society' in exchange for Six Shares in the 'Association'), and that the balance (if any) of the said additional Shares may be allotted and disposed of by the Society's Board of Directors in such manner as such Board shall think most beneficial to the Society."

Dated the 9th day of March, 1925.
By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDE,
General Manager.
[1973]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 21st MARCH, 1925, commencing at 2.30 p.m. The First Race will be Run at 2.30 p.m. The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform, Half Price. Members are advised that they must show their Season Tickets to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each Member has the right of introducing 2 Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure. Tickets for them can be obtained from Messrs. LOWMEAD & DAVIS at \$5 each up to Friday, 20th MARCH.

The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE following are the Revised Dates on which EXTRA RACE MEETINGS are to be held this Season:

11th and 12th APRIL, 2nd MAY, 30th MAY, and 1st JUNE, 10th and 12th OCTOBER, 7th NOVEMBER, and 5th DECEMBER. [1992]

INTIMATIONS

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company on FRIDAY, the 27th MARCH, 1925, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1924.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th MARCH, 1925, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, 7th March, 1925. [1958]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, 21, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 21st MARCH, 1925, at 11 a.m.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 21st of March, to 27th of MARCH, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 13th March, 1925. [1963]

THE YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

APPLICATION has been made to the Directors of this Company to issue to CHU KWONG LAN of 312, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, a Duplicate Certificate for Eight Shares in the Company or other Certificate or Certificates in lieu thereof, upon the statement that the Original Certificate No. 4444 and dated Thirtieth day of November, 1907, for Shares numbered 1423 to 1429, both inclusive, and 7103 has been LOST or DESTROYED; and Notice is hereby given that if within Thirty Days from the Date hereof No Claim or representation in respect of such Original Certificate is made to the Directors, they will then proceed to deal with such application for a Duplicate or other new Certificate or Certificates.

Dated, Shanghai, 27th February, 1925.
T. A. CLARK,
Secretary and Manager.
[1953]

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Dated, Shanghai, 27th February, 1925.
T. A. CLARK,
Secretary and Manager.
[1959]

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MARRIAGE.

HILL-EDGE—At Shanghai, on March 10th, ROBERT HILL, son of JOHN ROBERT HILL of London, to MRS. AMELIA EDGE, only daughter of the late HENRY EDGE, of Stowbridge, Staffs.

Hongkong Office: 1A, Chater Road.
London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 17TH, 1925.

CHILD LABOUR IN CHINA.

The subject of Child Labour in China, with special reference to factory conditions at Shanghai, seems to have been engaging a good deal of attention in England recently, judging from the number of paragraphs we have seen in the papers by the latest mails.

Dame ADELAIDE ANDERSON, who spent several months in China studying factory conditions, is now in England, and so also is Miss AGATHA HARRISON, Secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association in China, who was a member of the Commission appointed by the Shanghai Municipal Council in 1923 to enquire into the subject of child labour in factories.

Both ladies have been addressing meetings on the subject. At a meeting at the Y.W.C.A. in London last month, at which M. ALBERT THOMAS, Director of the International Labour Office of the League of Nations at Geneva, presided, *The Times* reports:

"Dame ADELAIDE ANDERSON outlined the need of industrial legislation in China. She stated that in silk factories in Shanghai she had seen children of six and seven standing and stirring cocoons in boiling water in the course of their 12-hour day or night shift. Apart from the stunting of physical and mental growth, she was told that these children 'mostly die young' and that fatal accidents to children, such as scalping from unguarded machinery, were common. No provision was made for medical help in cases of either accident or illness. The National Christian Council of China, on which the Y.W.C.A. is represented, deterred to make a stand for better conditions, and the fruits of their work was the report of a Commission on Child Labour set up by the Municipal Council of Shanghai. This report asks for certain minimum regulations, including exclusion of children under 10 years of age from the factories. It was hoped that these proposals would receive such backing that they would become law in Shanghai in the immediate future."

Sir JOHN JORDAN spoke of the need of factory legislation and inspection in a country where industry was of such recent growth."

Miss HARRISON, addressing the Rotary Club at Manchester, said that "Nowhere except in Hongkong was there anyone to say anything about length of hours."

Shanghai, of course, stands in a very different position to Hongkong in this matter, and the Report of the Commission which was set up in Shanghai indicated the difficulties in the way of regulation of child labour in the foreign Settlement—difficulties which almost amount to saying that the recommendations the Commission made will be to a large extent impracticable until China comes into line in the matter. It will be noticed that Dame ADELAIDE ANDERSON's criticisms are in regard to silk factories. Other people have spoken of conditions in the cotton factories. In England it has been assumed, even in quarters that ought to be better informed, that these cotton factories are British, or largely so, and British factories were accused by a member of the Labour Government of lacking a proper conception of the responsibility for the conditions of the industries in which they invest their money. As a matter of fact, we understand, the few British factories are not greatly to blame in the matter. Of the 120 cotton mills in China, only 5 are British, 40 are Japanese and 75 are Chinese. We are not aware that the slightest hostility to the recommendations made by the Commission exists so far as British interests are concerned. In fact, two years ago the Chairman of the Cotton Millowners' Association in China expressed the hope that the Report of the Commission would result in the improvement of conditions generally and "the elimination of the younger element from the mills."

The Report of the Commission recommends exclusion of children under ten years of age. In the Annual Report of the Shanghai Municipal Council for 1923—that is before the Commission reported—it was observed: "The question locally presents features of peculiar difficulty, owing to the fundamental differences of view-point between European labour, involved as it is with the question of affording time and opportunity for the education of the young, and the Asiatic attitude of mind, which recognises no such necessity. There are also other and no less difficult problems connected with industrial expansion beyond the boundaries of the Settlement."

The Commission when it reported, expressed the view that prohibition or regulation within the Settlement, unless it is properly conceived, would probably only result in the driving of the children and their parents into the employment of entirely uncontrolled industries outside. The Commission further emphasised the fact that "in all countries hitherto the history of early industrial regulation has also been the history of early elementary education."

In China educational facilities for children of the working classes is sadly lacking, and economic and social conditions in China are such that children are sent to work by their parents at the earliest age possible. Until China has a Government that can effectively govern, and carry out the obligations the country assumed by signing the Labour Convention at Geneva, the recommendations of the Shanghai Commission must more or less remain but "a standard to be aimed at and to be adopted at the earliest possible moment," but it should be added that there appear to be mills in Shanghai, with regulations of their own aiming at the achievement of all the objects that are sought to be gained now by the adoption of by-laws of general application. Not all the factories at Shanghai are open to severe criticism in respect of the conditions that obtain in them.

A party of about 80 Weihaiwei recruits have arrived for enrolment in the Hongkong Police Force.

A Chinese, who had been drinking, fell into the harbour from a Yaumati ferry launch on Sunday. He was rescued little the worse for his ducking.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending February 28th amounted to 91,249 tons, and the sales during the period to 68,642 tons.

The return of notifiable diseases in the Colony for the 48 hours ended on March 15th shows 1 Chinese case of small-pox, 1 Indian case of diphtheria and 2 Chinese cases of cerebro-spinal fever.

The Water Authority notices by advertisement to-day that the supply of water to all the rider main districts will be controlled on and after Thursday next. Water will be turned on for two consecutive hours daily.

A fatal accident occurred at the Government quarry at Quarry Bay on Sunday when a number of coolies ran forward too soon after a blasting operation. One of them was struck on the head with a stone and killed instantaneously.

The M.M. Angkor, which arrived at Hongkong on Sunday, reports that when near Amoy, on her way down, she ran down a junk and cut her in two in a thick fog. There were a crew of 28 people on board of whom 15 men, six women and four children were saved.

A concert in aid of the training ship *Arcturion* was held in St. Andrew's Hall, Kowloon, last night, and was well attended. The artistes were: Mrs. Aubrey, Mrs. Douglas Reid, Miss MacGill, Sir H. E. Pollock, Mr. C. Olive, Mr. Patterson and the Rev. G. F. Arrow-smith.

The bail, amounting to Tls. 5,000, allowed Woo Tung Noen, former magistrate at Sungking, who left Shanghai while awaiting trial on charges of embezzlement, was ordered to be forfeited by the Shanghai Mixed Court last Wednesday. The accused having absconded.

A Chinese boy was bitten in Great George Street on Sunday by a dog alleged to belong to Mr. Macfarlane, of the Ice and Cold Storage Co. The boy refused to go to hospital. Another Chinese boy was bitten in Kinsau Lane on the same day by a dog belonging to a neighbour. This boy also refused to go to hospital. Both dogs were taken to Kennedy Town for observation.

A very interesting event took place at sea on March 14th when Capt. Lowry, of the s.s. *President Garfield*, united in marriage Mrs. Winifred F. Moores and Mr. Colbourne Little. Mrs. Little is the daughter of the late John Moores, of Kensington. She has spent the last year and a half in California. Mr. Little is well known in Hongkong being of the firm of Messrs. Little, Adams & Wood.

In a billiards match of 1,000 up at the Shanghai Town Hall on March 11th, Capt. E. I. M. Barrett secured a comfortable victory over Mr. R. G. Phillips running to his 1,000 while Phillips compiled 589. Capt. Barrett played excellent billiards during the greater part of the evening, in the first session compiling a fine break of 110. He gave a fast and interesting exhibition all round the table.

Reports in the Chinese Press go to show that detachments of General Chen Chiang Ming's forces are still fighting in the East River region—not without success, if these reports can be credited. There is no news yet that Waichow, General Chen's stronghold, has surrendered to the pro-Sun forces, who are besieging it. Reports from Southern Kwangtung indicate that General Chen's forces remain in control of the territories they have dominated during the last two years.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR.
TO PAY A SHORT VISIT TO HANOI.
LEAVING FOR HOME AT END OF JUNE.

On Thursday His Excellency the Governor will embark in the China Navigation Company's s.s. *Taming*. On arrival at Haiphong on Saturday, the 21st inst., His Excellency will proceed direct to Hongkong to return the visit made to Hongkong last June by the Governor-General of Indo-China.

After a short stay in Hanoi, His Excellency hopes to motor down the coastal road to Saigon where he will remain for a couple of days before visiting the ruins of Angkor in Cambodia.

His Excellency will be accompanied by Captain R. Neville, A.D.C., and is expected to return in the s.s. *Andes*, arriving in Hongkong about the 13th of April. His Excellency expects to sail for England on the 27th of June in the s.s. *Malwa*, and does not at present anticipate returning to the Colony at the expiration of his leave.

MORE WORLD TOURISTS.
FURTHER CONTINGENT DUE ON THE "FRANCONIA."

The Cunard liner *Franconia* which is at present on a round-the-world cruise under the direction of Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son, Ltd., is due to arrive in Hongkong at daylight on March 31st.

The vessel, which is commanded by Commander G. W. Melsom, O.B.E., R.N.R., is of 20,000 tons register. She left New York on Jan. 22nd, and is due back there on June 1st. She will then have called at the following places: Funchal (Madeira), Gibraltar, Monaco, Naples, Alexandria, Port Said, Bombay, Colombo, Calcutta, Padang (Sumatra), Batavia, Singapore, Manila, Hongkong, Shanghai, Taku (for Peking), Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu, Hilo, San Francisco, Balboa (Canal Zone), Panama, Canal, Cristobal, and Havana (Cuba).

The passengers, who are some 350 in number, will take advantage of the ship's stay of about 5 days in Hongkong to explore the Colony and also to visit Canton and Macao.

The *Franconia* is scheduled to leave Hongkong on the evening of April 4th for the North. On reaching New York she will have travelled about 20,000 miles.

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RUHR MAGNATES' RESISTANCE.
REICHSTAG EXPOSURE OF DOLES
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The Berlin correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph telegraphing on January 29th said:—
Socialist insistence in the Reichstag Budget Committee to-day brought out the absolutely new and astonishing fact that the Government has already paid the Ruhr industrialists nearly £20,000,000 sterling in fulfilment of written promises made by Herr Stresemann during his Chancellorship in November, 1923. For the first time the public receives authentic figures regarding the financing of that colossal fiasco, the campaign of passive resistance. But what it learns to-day is only part of the truth about the cost of that fatuous piece of bluff, which was begun at the instance of the Ruhr industrialists in what they believed to be their own interests, but is to be paid for by anybody but themselves. As the Socialist demand for a comprehensive report was carried unanimously by the Committee, perhaps we shall at last hear what the Ruhr magnates received in those boundless subsidies which hurried the old mark to its final doom, and how much they made out of their vast private issues of emergency paper money. On the other hand, there is but little chance of enlightenment as to the profits they made from using the emergency loans of the Reichsbank for the speculative purchase of foreign exchange.

According to the statement made before the Ministry, the amounts which the Government has bound itself to disburse to the coal, steel, and chemical kings total 715,000,000 marks, and of this sum all but 80,000,000 marks have been paid out. The bulk of it is compensation for deliveries made under contracts with the M.C.C.M. To this, category belong 400,000,000 marks paid to the coalowners and 33,000,000 to the chemical works. Under the heading of forced deliveries 210,000,000 was allotted, with the following distribution: Coal mines, 130,000,000; chemical industry, 15,000,000; lignite mines, Rhine shipping, and Aix district claims, 45,000,000. An additional 70,000,000 is set aside for the indemnification of other damage suffered.

SECRET TRANSACTIONS.

Before Herr von Schleichen's speech in the Budget Committee yesterday the only inkling the public had of this vast transference of public money to private pockets was an ambiguous notice in the Official Gazette, a publication which has ever since it was admitted by the spokesman of the Finance Ministry that no legal basis whatever existed for the expenditure of these huge sums, and that the Government would have to get an indemnity from the Reichstag to cover its action. It is characteristic of the official—and also of the Parliamentary—mind here that the official thought it necessary to demand secrecy for his statements as to the "situation in the Ruhr during and at the abandonment of passive resistance," as if the French did not by this time know that story by heart. The Conservative members of the committee were very silent, confining themselves to thanking the Government for its "speedy enlightenment." It is also very characteristic that the Press owned by heavy industry either altogether suppresses the report of the committee or prints its mere shell, without any of the figures that alone give it meaning. Naturally the Socialists are playing this card for all it is worth, and are utilising it to distract attention from the Barman scandal. They are already using it to explain Herr Stresemann's desperate anxiety to get at any cost a Government containing no Socialists, for this party, in spite of all its blunders and imbecilities during the past few years, could hardly, after what has already been done in that way, agree to this latest typically German transfer of wealth from the pockets of the poor to those of the rich. For the deal with the Ruhr magnates is in reality only a continuation of what was done by other methods all the way through the inflation period.

WAR POLITICIANS.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE ON WHAT THEY DID.

"COUNTRIES WITH THE BEST WOX."

Mr. Lloyd George, a month ago, received the freedom of Hull. Speaking at a luncheon, he said the time had not yet come, and he did not know when it would—certainly not in his day—when they would be able to appraise justly the part which the leading figures in the Great War took in stamping out the conflagration. Politicians always come out badly on these occasions. No good politician is everybody's taste. (Laughter.) In fact when everybody speaks well of him you may take it that he is a lark number and for my part I would rather be disliked than liked because I was considered harsh. (More laughter.) But I will tell you one thing for the politician. The countries which had the best politicians won the war. (Cheers.)

Russia, Turkey, Austria, and Germany had no politicians. Germany was run through the war by third-rate politicians.

POLITICIANS & GENERALS.
In the old days of mercenary armies generals counted more and perhaps politicians less—although they counted; but in the last war, when the nation was the Army, when everybody was in the Army and doing something, that was where the politician came in. Politicians had the training to handle men—he would not say women—in the mass. That was their training. Germany surrendered unconditionally, abjectly, mercifully. She was a broken-backed thing. Do you think that would have happened if Germany had had perhaps a Clemenceau, if Germany had had a Gambetta, if Germany had had a Chamberlain? No. They had nothing but second-rate and third-rate men who did not know how to talk to the heart of the nation. It was the country with politicians that lasted through to the end. They were there to rally and to organise the nation. What

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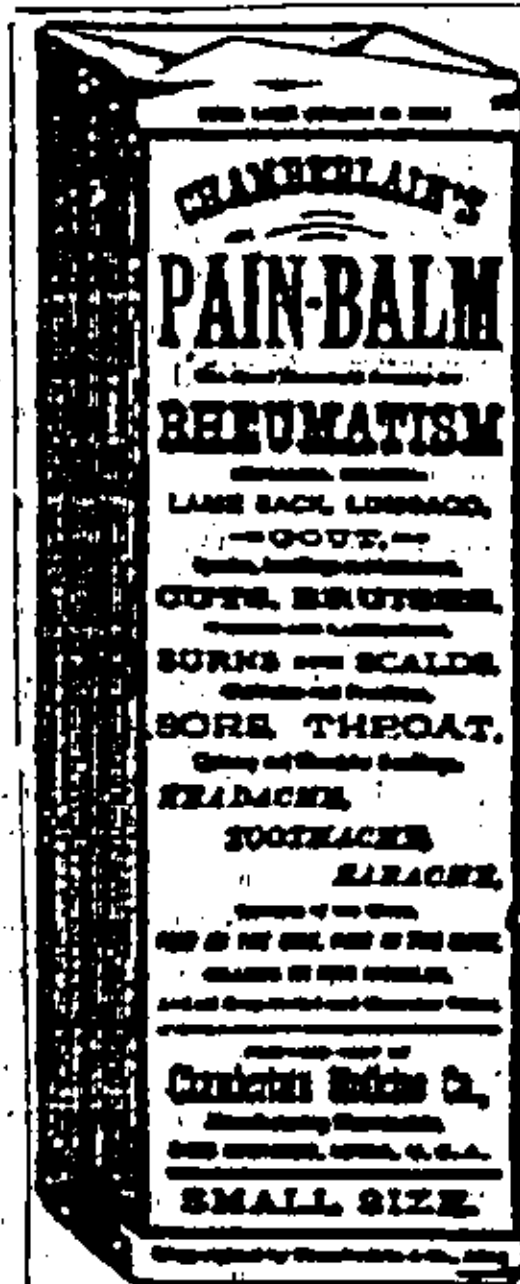
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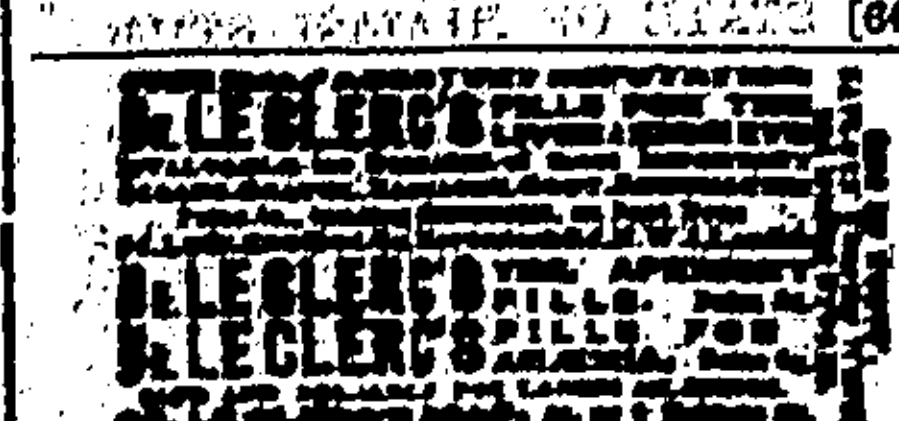
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CINEMA NOTES.

CORONET THEATRE.

There is nothing complex about "The Little Church Around the Corner," the notable film now showing at the Coronet Theatre. The appeal goes straight to the heart. This must not be taken to mean, however, that the picture lacks variety of incidents. Far from that. The emotions of love and hate and greed and pride; but the incidents depicted lack nothing in dramatic interest.

THE WORLD THEATRE.

One of the finest purely romantic films ever produced is "Koenigsmark," which is showing at the World Theatre for the second time to-day. In spite of its Teutonic name this super-feature is a French creation. Based on a story of one of the finest writers of modern romantic fiction, Pierre Benoit, produced with all the finesse and deftness of touch of which the French producers are masters, and supported by an excellent cast, it is a perfect example of the romantic school.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Hongkong will soon have the opportunity of seeing some feats which are said to outrival those performed by the celebrated Houdini. The exponent is Mr. Murray, the young and brilliant hand-cuff manipulator, and he is booked to appear at the Queen's Theatre, beginning to-morrow. Mr. Murray defies any attempts to restrain him, whether by shackles, locks and bolts for more than a few seconds. One of his feats is known as the "Five Thousand Dollars Mystery," which consists in his escape from a trunk with steel fixings in which he is not merely locked, but also shackled and bound and otherwise incapacitated according to the fancy of the audience.

Dorothy Gish is doing a Spanish dance at the Queen's Theatre this week in the "Richard Barthelmess picture," "The Bright Shawl," that is one of the most delightful features of this fascinating romance of the days of Spanish domination in Cuba.

THE STAR THEATRE.

Showing at the Star Theatre for the last time this evening is "The Heart Line," a picture which introduces the mysteries of the occult. Based on a popular novel and filmed with full regard for its dramatic possibilities "The Heart Line," although it makes no claim to rank among the masterpieces of the screen, represents an excellent entertainment for cinema-goers who enjoy the note of mystery. It is described by the producers, the Leab Baird Film Corporation as "a clean, wholesome, vital story." Miss Leah Baird plays the leading role with great finesse, and she is ably seconded by a good cast.

To-morrow night the Star will add a further chapter to its history as a variety theatre, presenting this time the Quarry Bay A.D.O.'s production of "Nothing but the Truth." "Nothing but the Truth" was well-received at the Taikeo Club, so that Kowloon amusement-seekers can rely upon a very enjoyable evening. The play abounds in amusing situations.

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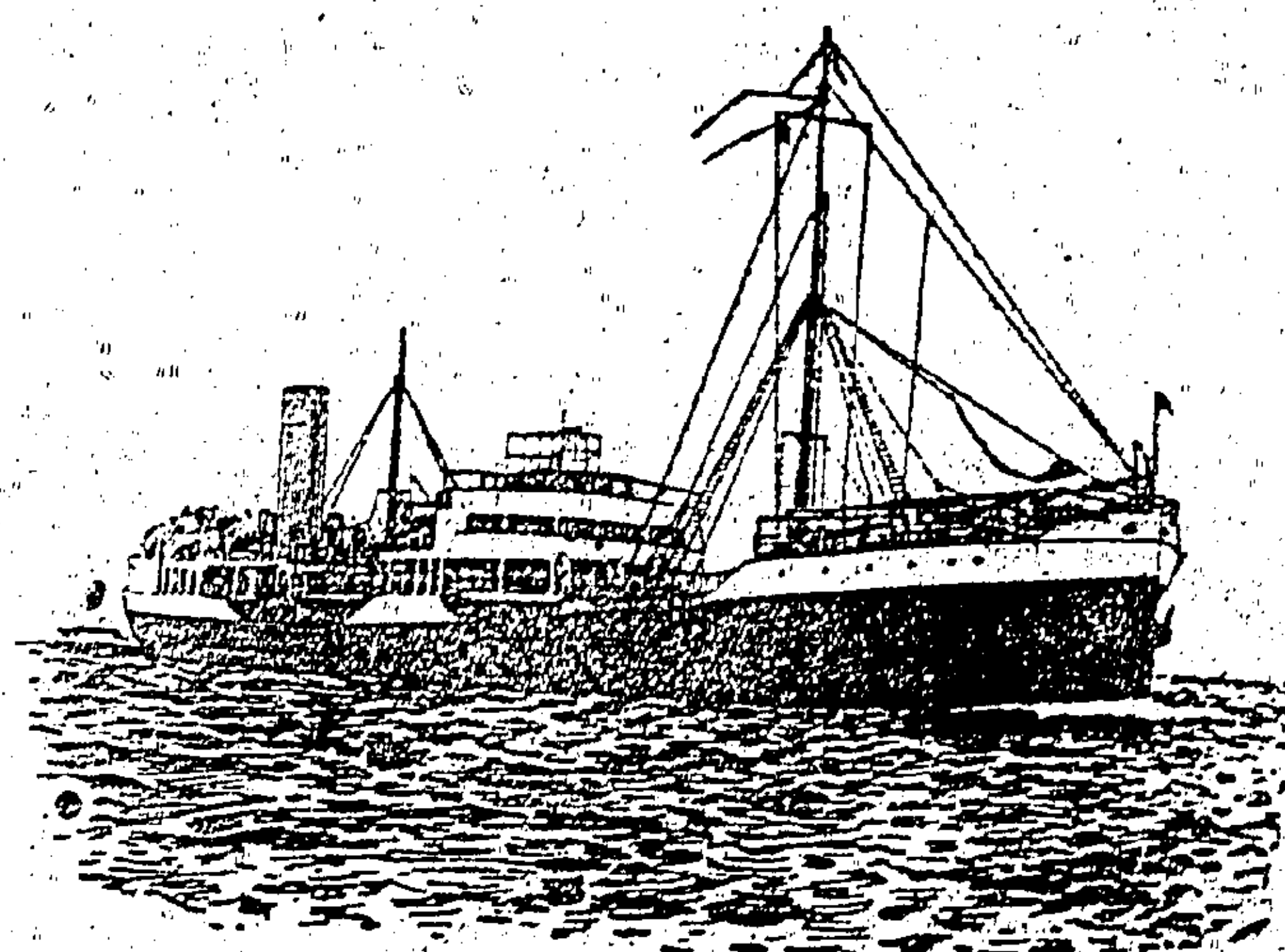
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